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Attorney General John Ashcroft

United States Department of Justice

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to ask you to give your continued support to the proposed compromise between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. I understand there is a sixty-day period in which public comment is allowed, and I feel it is my duty to support the settlement. There is no need for any further federal action, either by the Department of Justice or the Senate. Microsoft has agreed to any number of requests by Justice, which makes their software codes and books more accessible to competing firms, along with accommodating computer manufacturers with new rights to Windows features.

Microsoft has provided so much to this country in jobs and opening the way for technological innovation. It should not be a punching bag for its success.

I support the present agreement. Please continue to be a vocal supporter of it also.

Sincerely,

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